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Supreme Councils of Dutch Kingdom territories meet in The Hague





Aruba's president of the Supreme Council of Aruba is in The Hague attending the combined meeting of the Supreme Councils of Curacao and Sint Maarten and the vice president of the Supreme Council of the Netherlands. The four presidents of the different councils were invited to be present for the discourse of the Queen in the "Ridderzaal" on Prinsjesdag this past week.

The last such meeting with the various consultative organizations was held here in Aruba in May 2009. These meetings are held every other vear and were called the Tri-

partiet Overleg (Tripartite Consultation). Tripartite, because there were three groups participating, namely, Aruba, the Netherlands Antilles and Holland. However, after October 10, 2010 there are now four participants, the Supreme Councils of Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten and the Netherlands. The objective of these meetings is to exchange ideas, to keep each other informed regarding developments of each government and to study the possibilities for cooperation on different areas with reference to legislation.

The Aruban delegation

from our Supreme Council currently in Holland for these meetings are: Arie Swaan, president, John Kuiperdal, member, Helen van der Wal, secretary and A Braamskamp, adjunct secretary.

Photo shows from left to right, the following participants: C.M. Gruning, vice president of the Curacao Supreme Council, Brooks-Salmon, vice president of the Sint Maarten Supreme Council, H.D. Tjeenk-Willink, vice president of the Netherlands' Supreme Council, Arie Swaan, president of the Aruba Supreme Council.

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The Venturesome Economy expert, Amar Bhidé to speak in Aruba

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ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's Chamber of Commerce has chosen the theme of Innovation for their 2011 annual business dinner meeting.

This year the Chamber has organized a series of activities based on the theme of innovation. And, to close out the series of activities they have invited American expert Amar Bhidé as keynote speaker for their business dinner. Professor Bhidé is a world recognized expert on the subject of innovation, entrepreneurship and strategic decision making in the global economy. Professor Bhidé is an author and speaker. He has written several books and is currently Professor at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Bhidé's lecture in Aruba

will be held at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Casino at the 18th Annual Business Dinner Meeting of the Chamber of Chamber on September 30th from 8:00 PM.

The title of the lecture will be "The Venturesome Economy" which is also the title of one of his books with its subtitle..."How Innovation Sustains Prosperity in a More Connected World" which was published in 2008. Bhidé's newest book, "A Call for Judgment: Sensible Finance for a Dynamic Economy" was published earlier this year.

Professor Bhidé has worked as Senior Engagement Manager at Mc.Kinsey & Company and also was member of the Brady Commission, which investigated the crash of the US stock market. Journalists continually consult Bhidé on matters of economy, business and innovation. It is believed that Bhidé's lecture will be a storehouse of relevant information especially for business owners and future entrepre-

Bhidé's philosophy entails an excellent financial system, which is necessary to stimulate and facilitate innovation. Ac-



Amar Bhidé

cording to Bhidé, innovation is a way to guarantee the development of economic sustaiwhich nability, brings prosperity to a community.

The Aruba Chamber of Commerce believes that innovation is essential for the development and the diversification of our economy.

Those interested in attending this very interesting business dinner meeting may contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information or reserve tickets by calling 582-1120 ext. 34/41 or send a mail to secretariat@arubachamber.

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Ahmadinejad anti-West speech Japan typhoon kills 11, sparks UN walkout



European delegates exit during Iranian President Ahmadinejad's address to the 66th General Assembly Session at the United Nations.

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) -Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad went on the

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warpath against the West at the United Nations again Thursday sparking a mass walkout by outraged US and European delegations.

The Iranian leader repeated comments casting doubt on the origins of the Holocaust and the September 11, 2001 attacks and criticized the United States for killing Osama bin Laden rather than bringing him to

European countries use the

Holocaust as an excuse to pay "ransom to the Zionists," he said. The "diabolical" aims of the West are the cause of wars and the financial crisis, Ahmadinejad stormed.

In a repeat of walkouts at the United Nations and other international events in recent years, a US diplomat monitoring the speech in the UN General Assembly left halfway through the 20 minute discourse.

The 27 European Union nations then followed in a coordinated protest move.

The German delegation said in a statement that it was protesting over the "crude, anti-American, anti-Israeli and anti-West tirade by the Iranian president."

The Iranian president caused a UN walkout last year when he alleged the US government could have been behind the September 11 attacks. He has also used speeches in the past to call for the destruction of Israel and cast doubt on the existence of the Holocaust.

Hurricane Hilary forms off Mexico's **Pacific coast**

Hurricane Hilary formed on Thursday off the southwestern Pacific coast of Mexico and was forecast to strengthen, the US National Hurricane Center

Hilary was packing winds of 84 miles (140 kilometers) per hour, "and Hilary could become a major hurricane by Friday night," the Miami-based NHC said in its 1800 GMT bulletin.

The center of the hurricane was located some 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of the Mexican resort city of Acapulco and moving in the open ocean towards the northwest at 10 miles (17 kilometers) per

While Hilary is currently a Category One hurricane on the five-level Saffir-Simpson scale, it is expected to strengthen over the next 48 hours.

Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 15 miles from the center, and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 75 miles, the NHC said.

Large swells generated by Hilary "likely to cause lifethreatening surf and rip current conditions" are affecting parts of the southwestern Mexican coast, the NHC said.

spares nuclear plant



This September 21, 2011 NASA found dead in Shizuoka Aqua satellite image shows Ty- prefecture, where the typhoon Roke over Japan.

TOKYO, (AFP) - A powerful typhoon that barrelled through Japan and threatened the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant killed at least 11 people including a woman aged 101, officials and reports said Thursday.

Typhoon Roke, which churned across the main island of Honshu and through the already disaster-ravaged northeast, caused flooding and triggered landslides in an echo of a vicious storm earlier in the month that killed around 100 people.

But it did not cause any further damage to the battered nuclear power plant, as had been feared, after workers had scrambled to secure the facility to prevent more radiation from seeping out.

Public broadcaster NHK put the death toll at 11, with

four people missing and 367 others injured.

Roke fizzled into an extratropical depression Thursday afternoon as it veered off the northern main island of Hokkaido, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Police and rescuers recovered at least four bodies on Thursday morning, including a 65-year-old woman who was buried when a mudslide engulfed her house in Iwate prefecture, officials said.

Two people, including the 101-year-old, were phoon made landfall on Wednesday, an official

In Sendai, the largest city in the northeastern region that was battered by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that led to the atomic crisis, two sewerage workers went missing, a city official told AFP.

said.

"We are aware that one body was recovered this morning but have not confirmed it belongs to one of the missing workers," he said.

Local police and rescuers recovered another body from a river in central Aichi prefecture and they were investigating whether the death was typhoon related, an official said.

A series of strong typhoons have hit Japan, which is still recovering from the massive quake and tsunami that left around 20,000 people dead or

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From Small to Smart Economies: Fumbling with the Future

Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson

While a couple of months ago there where initial signs of global economic recovery, recently concerns of economic stagnation have been reported across the globe. This week the IMF reported that the world economy has entered a new phase. The IMF expects the U.S. economy to grow just 1.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2012. "The global economy has entered a dangerous new phase," said Olivier Blanchard, the IMF's chief economist. Strong policies are needed to improve the outlook and reduce the risks", according to Blanchard. Likewise, these concerns have also been reported by commerce and the industry, voicing concerns over numerous issues that determine our local economy and economic development as a small island economy

These concerns include the government's deficit, counterproductive fiscal reforms, rising prices of oil and food, increasing utility costs, unemployment trends, dampening entrepreneurship, rising inflation and a general increase in the costs of doing business. Put in this perspective, gloom and doom of small economies is not difficult to imagine, and sustainability is often perceived as a matter of survival.

Fact of the matter is that unlike the 20th century of stability and stable economic growth, today's new normal is

characterized by volatility and hyper competitiveness, which requires a totally different mindset and management of small economies, i.e., island economies such as Aruba.

The dynamics and complexity of this new normal, and more importantly, the uncertainty and unexpectedness of this environment do not dictate gloom at the mercy of global trends, but dictate a totally different model for governing our new evolving reality. Turbulence does not imply turmoil, if and when the right tactics are applied to enhance the robustness and resilience of the economy and industries.

In an age of discontinuities and discontinuous growth, as small island economies we need to discontinue the usage of old models of governance. Unlike some recent reports, it is questionable whether regulation as usual will suffice, and if we will return to a 'traditional normal', whatever that means.

In summary, the new normal is pervasive and it is elusive. It is thinking with tenacity and acting today. The new normal is working together for building better communities and smarter economies. The new normal is taking responsibility and giving the future a chance. It is realizing that your destination is a choice not a chance. The new normal is here and it is now....

Department of Shipping poised for becoming the best in the region

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Shipping has been neglected for many years, according to Minister Oduber. However, as of July 1st 2010 a Management Team was instituted to begin working on necessary changes, implement a complete reorganization and make the Department of Shipping optimally functional and beneficial to Aruba.

Today, after little more than a year the department has improved its communication with all its stakeholders and with the maritime industry in Aruba. As of November 2010 the second phase of the Twinning Project was begun. During this particular phase work was initiated on designing 4 new maritime laws: 1. Wharf and Shipping law, 2. Navigation law; 3. Wharf and airtraffic identification ruling; 4. Government decree regarding the investigation of shipping accidents.

In addition to the above laws, 5 maritime laws were modified: **1.** Government de-



cree regarding open water and beaches; 2. Navigation decree; 3. Government decree regarding pollution by ships; 4. Decree regarding passenger traffic permits and ship availability; 5. Retribution and legal fees for open water travel and beaches.

They will also give attention to training inspectors and administrative workers.

The Minister has nominated a new jurist for the legal aspects and necessary advice. Finally, a new Harbor Master was appointed. The government has also taken the decision to upgrade the administrative facilities and other functional aspects of the Department. This includes, new computers data base program for the registration of ships, new uniforms, two service vehicles, and other necessary tools to ensure an efficient operation.

All in all the government intends to do all that is necessary to ensure that the Department of Shipping/Navigation become the example for the entire region.

Natalee Holloway's mom: Daughter not dead

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama --The mother of Natalee Holloway, the Alabama teen who disappeared in Aruba six years ago, will fight a petition by the girl's father to declare Natalee legally dead.

Beth Holloway will go to court today to challenge her ex-husband Dave Holloway's petition for presumption of death, filed in probate court in Birmingham, Ala., in June. Natalee Holloway vanished on May 30, 2005, more than six years ago, at age 17.

Dave Holloway claimed in the court papers that because Natalee has not been seen or heard from, and there is no reason to believe she is alive any longer, the time has come to declare her legally dead.

Beth Holloway will oppose that petition in court, according to a statement by her attorney, in which he called Dave Holloway's actions "inexplicable."



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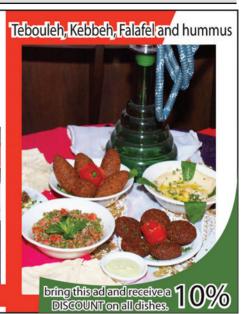
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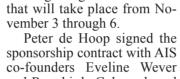
Red Sail seals the deal with AIS co founders Eva Wever and Ronchi de Cuba



AIS team with Red Sail General Mgr Peter de Hoop

Red Sail Sports General Manager Peter de Hoop and team graciously welcomed island media and the co-founders of the upcoming ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion Week on board for a relaxing sunset sail and glimpse at the star treatment they will be providing the many models, designers and celebrities expected to attend the first weekend in Novem-

Red Sail's event planning department, which has been actively hosting incentive groups and travel executives for the past four years, has partnered with AIS to deploy their resources for transporta-



tion and set up of the various exciting and glamorous events

sponsorship contract with AIS co-founders Eveline Wever and Ronchi de Cuba onboard Fiesta, one of the company's elegant catamarans as the sun dipped over the horizon. "We are extremely pleased and proud to sponsor this very unique and prestigious addition to the Aruba calendar of exciting events," stated Mr. de Hoop. "We foresee it being very successful and memorable."

AIS organizers Eva and Ronchi expressed their gratitude to Red Sail Sports for their sponsorship, and confidence they will do an admirable job of seeing their demanding guests more than satisfied.

The pleasant sunset sail that followed the official signing was an excellent preview of only a fraction of the services Red Sail had to offer, as their congenial managerial staff and crew played hosts for the

by Rosalie Klein



Red Sail team

SETAR will also be present today and tomorrow at **EXPO CAS 2011**

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This year once again SETAR will be present at the EXPO CAS 2011 event with a booth. They will be informing the public about their products and services. But this year they will also be giving demonstrations on how to make use of their products and services.

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There will also be an informative session on Andriod smart phone.

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visit the EXPO CAS 2011 on September 24 and 25; there will be presentations on both days.

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 - * 5:00-5:45 pm Android
- * 6:00-6:45 pm New Paspoort TV Guide for all Digital Cable clients presentation
- * 7:00-7:45 pm GPS presentation
- * Photo shows SETAR executives Andreina Kock and Jean Marie Ras-Croes who are in charge of the presentations for SETAR N.V. at EXPO CAS 2011.

International Peace Day Commemorated in Aruba





About one-hundred students from two elementary schools, Pieter Boer in San Nicolas and Pius X in Oranjestad, were guests of Fundacion Respeta Bida, Semper Corda, at Wilhelmina Park in the gardens surrounding the Anne Frank's statue. The purpose of the gathering was to educate students on the significance of peace and to make them part of a constructive community that builds a better future for Aruba.

Foundation President Diana Pieters-Gonzalez, welcomed the students on behalf of the foundation explaining the foundation promotes respect for all people and wishes for all human-beings to be living in peace across cultures, religions, nationalities and ways of thinking. She reiterated that children are the future of the island and that Aruba will become a reflection of its younger generation. On the International Day of Peace the gathering at the Anne Frank statue reminded everyone that while Aruba never knew war, the island is still familiar with fighting between people, and exchanges of harsh words, leading to the conclusion that peace begins at home, with mutual love and appreciation. "Start living in peace at home, with your family members and friends, at school, in your daily life, and vou will contribute to a better world," Pieters advised.

Musical director Maybeline Arends-Croes and her choir of lovely singers gave an excellent presentation of We Are the World, followed by Een Beetje Vrede and Oue Canten Los Ninos, in three languages symbolizing Aruba's multi-linguistic culture.

The children also helped plant a Carob tree, and an Olive tree, a symbol of peace, both sent from Israel to Aruba in order to be planted on the International Peace Day tribute.

A dramatic folk-story telling followed by a talented youth duo under the direction of Desiree Correa and Munye Oduber Winklaar, just before the group was invited to the Renaissance Convention Center where it created a Peace Tree, hanging with paper Peace Doves.

A number of children were escorted by Diana Pieters to the office of Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman, across the way to deliver letters they wrote, brimming with their suggestions on how to improve the world in general and Aruba in particular. Several letters also went to other government dignitaries, organizations and groups, with concerns about the environment, suggestions for living in harmony, proposals for conservation projects and other concerns children had regarding respect and tolerance.

The event concluded with refreshments. Each child received a special commemorative tee shirt and a booklet, with the lyrics of the songs they've learned.



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Promoting Aruba as a Tasty Vacation Destination Gerard Coste to appear as Guest Chef at The Cellar at Macy's in New York City

The Food & Beverage Director of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa will be traveling to NYC to promote the island of Aruba as a tasty vacation destination. The director, a talented former executive chef, will prepare a special Fish Dish in front of an audience of more than 50 of Macy's shoppers demonstrating live a number of the recipes, which are not too complicated, yet can definitely be introduced into the audience's home kitchens.

Coste will review all ingredients and teach the entire preparation while Macy's catering team creates samples for the audience.

Incidentally, the pots, pans and dishes in use during the demonstration in Aruba's national colors will be sold at the department store.

Additionally, Coste will be



a Guest Chef at the New York Jets vs. the Miami Dolphins game, in a VIP Suite where he will entertain VIPs and dignitaries, guests of the Aruba Tourism Authority, in the presence of the island's Prime Minister.

Pictured here Gerard Coste at the Radisson Aruba Resort-Casino & Spa.

Megacities could help save the world: forum



NEW YORK (AFP) - A global explosion of urban growth and the rise of the megacity could help resolve some of the world's deepest problems, from overpopulation to environmental devastation.

In an upbeat assessment, senior international business and political figures told a forum in New York that along with the obvious challenges, they saw huge opportunities in the rush to urbanization.

In 1800, just three percent of the world lived in urban areas. Today that figure has passed 50 percent and by 2050 it will likely reach 70 percent, with cities like New York, Mexico City, Moscow and Shanghai growing exponentially.

Mexican telecoms tycoon Carlos Slim, named by Forbes as the world's richest person, said that bringing people into urban areas is the only way for countries to cope with already inevitable population growth.

"If there were not big cities the service will not be affordable for the population," Slim told the panel at the annual meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative group

China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said his country is embracing the urban model with about 120 cities of more than a million people already on the map.

"Cities are very important for generating more GDP and to uplift the whole society," he said. "One percentage increase in urban population will mean a lot jobs, a lot of consumption and a lot of investment."

Of course, packing so many people into tight spaces brings equally big challenges.

It "will create a lot of problems as well, for instance: population pressure, environmental degradation and lack of social amenities," Yang said.

California's lieutenant governor, Gavin Newsom. described the "remarkable challenge to deal with ethnic, racial, religious diversity," and said what matters is "the human capital equation, not just the infrastructure."

Janette Sadik-Khan, the controversial sometimes

transport commissioner for New York City, agreed, saying the Big Apple was attempting to make the city more pleasant as it prepares to accommodate an expected extra million people over the next 20 years, on top of the current 8.4 million population.

Sadik-Khan, an avid promoter of bike lanes and pedestrian zones in Manhattan, said that making cities more livable not only attracts talented, international workforce, but protects the environment.

She pointed to her ban on cars in the Times Square area, saying the measure had boosted retail commerce while improving quality of life for residents. She also noted New York's relatively clean air.

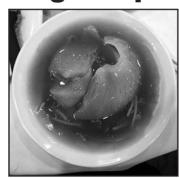
"If you want to save the planet, you should move to New York," she said.

Experts on the panel flagged the boom in communications technology and renewable energy sources as the type of progress that can help cities deal with their expansion as well as heal the world's wider problems.

Newsom spoke of "laboratories of innovation," while China's foreign minister -highlighting Chinese investment in public transport, ecofriendly cars and solar power -- said: "I believe every challenge, every crisis, will lead to a bumper harvest of innovation."



Yao Ming urges Chinese to give up shark fin soup



Basketball star Yao Ming and British entrepreneur Richard Thursday Branson on launched a campaign urging Chinese to stop eating shark fin soup to help save the predators.

Shark fins are used in a thick soup that is viewed as a delicacy by Chinese people and served at luxury restaurants in China, Hong Kong

and Taiwan. The method of sharkfinning -- slicing off the fins of live animals and then throwing them back in the water to die -- is condemned by animal rights campaigners and blamed by scientists for a worldwide collapse in popu-

The campaign, launched in Shanghai, includes advertisements featuring the two celebrities and a website for people to make an online pledge to stop eating the soup, said the organiser, international conservation group WildAid.

Yao, who retired from the sport in July but remains one of China's biggest sporting names, made a pledge to stop eating shark fin soup five years ago and has since served as an ambassador for WildAid, the group said in a statement.

Branson is backing the campaign through his non-profit foundation Virgin Unite.

"I simply cannot imagine a world without sharks -- we must not let this happen," he said in the statement.

WildAid, which seeks to halt the trade in wildlife, estimates up to 73 million sharks are harvested annually, mainly for shark fin

Japan carrier unveils smartphone radiation gauge

Japan's top mobile phone operator NTT DoCoMo is to unveil a smartphone with changeable "jackets" that measure bad breath, body fat and even radiation levels.

DoCoMo says it has developed technology that allows users to measure their own bodies or surroundings by slipping their smartphones inside sensor-embedded shells.

The company will showcase the technology at the Combined Exhibition of Advanced Technologies, a fair featuring the latest in highend gadgetry, starting in early October near Tokyo.

"Many customers have been nervous about radiation since the Great East Japan Earthquake," DoCoMo spokesman Daisuke Sakuma told AFP, referring to the 9.0magnitude quake and

tsunami of March 11 that sparked a nuclear crisis at the Fukushima atomic plant.

"We had been thinking what services we can provide to address these customer needs as a telecom carrier."

The tsunami knocked out cooling systems at Fukushima Daiichi, sparking meltdowns that sent radioactive materials into the air, soil and sea.

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Two million sick from Pakistan floods



ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Two million Pakistanis have fallen ill from diseases since monsoon rains left the southern region under several feet of water, the country's disaster

been killed and over eight million people have been affected this year by floods that officials say are worse in parts of

authority said Thursday. More than 350 people have

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Sindh province than last year, when the country saw its worst ever disaster.

Malaria, diarrhoea, skin disease and snake bites were among the health problems facing two million people across 23 Sindh districts, said Irshad Bhatti, spokesman of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

"In some areas, diseases also spread out because of dead animals but there is no major break-out of any epidemic," Bhatti added, calling for the donation of mosquito nets and medicines to help the aid effort.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said there is a desperate shortage of clean drinking water in the south which has also triggered outbreaks of acute diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases.

The UN's children agency has pledged to distribute 200,000 litres (50,000 gallons) of water to 40,000 people daily and deploy 40 more water tankers soon, to avert further disease.

Parts of Sindh are under several feet of water and Pakistan's meteorological department says the worst-affected districts of Badin, Mirpurkhas and Thar seeing have seen eight times the usual levels of rainwater.

The government is trying to fend off criticism of an inadequate response to the floods one year after it was castigated for failing to respond quickly enough to its worst ever floods that affected a total of 21 million people.

For months, aid groups had warned the government to invest in adequate prevention measures to mitigate against seasonal rains, avoid a repeat of last year's \$10 billion losses, and protect those left vulnerable two years running.

Calling on the international community to step in to help once more, the UN and Islamabad on Sunday jointly issued an emergency funding appeal for \$357 million for emergency rescue and relief efforts.

So far only the Japanese government has declared a pledge, of 10 million dollars, the UN said.

"We appeal to international community and other donor countries to come forward and help the the people devastated by the floods in Pakistan," said UN spokeswoman Ishrat

Zafar Qadir, chairman of the NDMA, said that more than 550,000 people had been made homeless in the south of the country and called for urgent donations of tents.

"Over five million people are in camps and we need an immediate supply of tents to accommodate all of them. We are facing a severe shortage of tents," he told a news confer-

He said that Japan has sent 3,500 tents so far.

'Longevity gene' may be dead end: study

PARIS (AFP) - Research over the last decade showing that proteins called sirtuins can increase lifespan is deeply flawed, according to a new study in Nature that debunks prior claims of a direct causal

Pioneering experiments on earthworms and fruitflies -commonly used as models to examine the biology of human ageing -- suggested that an extra dose of the naturally-occurring enzymes could prolong life by up to 50 percent.

These early results unleashed a flood of new research, much of which backed up the original findings.

They also spawned a flourishing market in dubious health products claiming to boost sirtuins, and thus slow down one's biological clock.

Many contained resveratrol, a molecule -- also found in red wine -- thought to activate the enzyme.

But the new research, led by David Gems at the Institute of Healthy Ageing at the University College London, provides solid evidence that the supposed cause-and-effect relationship between the proteins and longer life is a

Gems and colleagues reproduced benchmark studies to test whether the links might be attributable to other factors besides the allegedly miracle gene, known as Sir2 in worms and flies, and SIRT1 in mam-

The main problem with most of these earlier experiments was the failure to account for all the possible differences between genetically manipulated organisms and the "wild" ones against which they compared.

It turned out that other mutations had occurred but escaped notice.

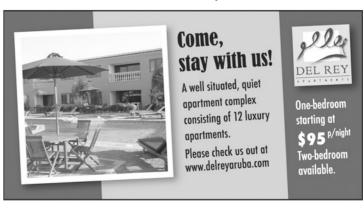
Gems and colleagues then reproduced similar experiments done with fruit flies, again showing that the results attributed to sirtuins were in fact due to other genetic driv-

The researchers also created synthetic fruitfly sirtuin to see if it could be activated by resveratrol, as previously claimed. But neither of two separate laboratories, using multiple techniques, could make it work.

Finally, the study refutes the claim that enhanced lifespan due to dietary restriction itself not in doubt -- also depended on sirtuins.

"SIRT1 activation remains a promising approach to delaying general age-related physiological decline and to treating numerous inherited and acquired diseases," they

The protein may not cause an otherwise healthy animal live longer, in other words, but it could help one who overeats to reduce related stress on its system.



UN Summit recognizes dementia importance



This week the United Nations held only its second meeting in its history on a global health issues by convening a Summit on Non Communicable Diseases (NCD). The final political declaration of the summit specifically recognizez neurological diseases, including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as an important cause of morbidity that contribute to the global NCD burden and that NCD prevention programs and health care interventions provide equitable access to effective programmes for these illnesses.

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) is very excited by this recognition of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias as a burden on par with diabetes, cancer, lung diseases and cardiovascular disease. It is a major step forward in public health action on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, which be accomplished through improved access to diagnosis and care, chronic disease management programs and risk reduction programs. With 36 million people living with dementia worldwide today and the growing problem especially in lower and middle income countries, adding Alzheimer's considerations to the health planning effort at the country and World Health Organization level is a major

leap forward toward mobilising the imagination and resources of the public health community.

ADI has become a Full Partner in the NCD Alliance with the other four disease areas. Marc Wortmann, Executive Director of ADI says: "I am very proud that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are part of the Political Declaration that was agreed on during the Summit. This is a result of extraordinary public policy efforts of the entire Alzheimer's movement and dementia advocates in many countries as well as umbrella bodies Alzheimer Europe Alzheimer's Disease International. We also mobilised great support with ten international partners, all organisations dedicated to ageing issues, who successfully campaigned to get ageing, dementia and care issues recognised during the Sum-

Foundation Alzheimer Aruba - F.A.A. is a non-profit organization helping and educating the community on Aruba about Alzheimer's Disease. The foundation is affiliated to 'Alzheimer Iberoamerica' (AIB), a Spanish speaking foundation network that strives to unite national Alzheimer organizations from the the Caribbean, Central and South America.





Aruba Trade & Industry Association (ATIA) announces Roberto Giannetti Da Fonseca as keynote speaker at Annual Corporate Gala, November 4





Joyce Bartels Daal President ATIA and Julissa Tromp, office mgr

ATIA President Joyce Bartels Daal was joined by Office Manager Julissa Tromp and Executive Director of Aruba-Bank, Ryan Kock, in announcing the upcoming annual ATIA Corporate Gala 2011, to take place at the Hyatt Regency Resort on Friday, November 4. ArubaBank is the diamond sponsor of this year's event.

ATIA executives were very pleased to announce the guest speaker will be Roberto Gianetti da Fonseca, Executive Director of Foreign Trade and International Relations of Federacao das Industrias do Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil, or

FIESP. FIESP includes 130 trade associations in their membership representing 150,000 Brazilian companies varying from small independents to large corporations.

Senor da Fonseca earned his Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of Sao Paolo in 1975. Since then, his illustrious career includes membership on several boards of important trade agencies, including the National Foreign Trade Council from 1987 to 1990. He was President of the Brazilian Companies Association, Executive Secretary of Foreign Trade, Camex, Brazil-

ian Federal Government from 2000 to 2002, and is currently President of FUNCEX Foreign Trade Center Foundation and Vice-President of the Brazilian Foreign Trade Council since 2003

He is the author of "The Uruguay Round" published in 1988, "Memoirs of a Trader," published by Lob Thomson in 2002, as well as having recently published an enlightening discourse titled "Getting Real" on the American Interest blog, which explores tariff regulations regarding trade with China.

Ryan Oduber encourages island business people to attend this year's ATIA Corporate Gala, as Brazil is one of the strongest economies in the western hemisphere at present and understanding their philosophy towards commerce while networking with a highly influential member of the nation's foreign trade community can only prove advantageous for Aruban commerce.

The gala's organizers also report they have reduced seating this year, and the tickets are already nearly half sold. The cost is 175 Arubian florins per person, which includes dinner and a Capoera show for a distinctly Brazilian ambiance, and the evening will end with entertainment and dancing to Robert y su Solo Banda Show.

Tickets are available at the ATIA offices at Pedro Gallegostraat 6 in Dakota; for more information contact ATIA at telephone number 582-7593 or email rsvp@atiaruba.org.

by Rosalie Klein

Professor Wubbo Ockles to speak at Aruba's second Green Conference



On the 27th, 28th and 29th of October a host of people will convene in the prestigious Renaissance Conference Center to attend the Aruba Green Conference II. Here they will learn from experts like Dr. Wubbo Ockels and others.

The main focus of the Conference will be on the visit from Her Royal Highness Queen Beatrix and His Highness Crown Prince Willem Alexander and Princess Maxima. Green Aruba II is still in preparation and a long list of experts are named to be speakers at this magna event. Organizers have prepared a very interesting program on the theme of alternative energy. Once

again Aruba will shine at this event! The high point of the Conference will be when His Highness Prince Willem Alexander takes the stand to address the audience.... The expectations are very high.

One of the favorites of last year's conference was Professor Ockels, who himself was impressed with Aruba's people and natural sources. Ockels in an article titled "Nature has no mercy," said he was convinced that within 10 years Aruba would be completely run on green energy. He also remarked that he was fascinated with the

government's passion with green energy, and how they want to make Aruba the greenest place of the whole world. Ockels believes that this is very possible. He is convinced that this will not be easy, but, says Ockels...."If there's a place in the world where this can be done it will be Aruba."

The ingredients of sun and wind and cold water are ideal. The installation of the Wind Park already provides for 40% of Aruba's necessary electricity.

Ockels' interest for sustainability was raised in 1985 when he, as an astronaut aboard the space shuttle

"Challenger" looked out the window and observed how vulnerable the world is.

He observed that there was only a very fine layer covering the earth as a protection. Outside of that covering the situation is extremely dangerous. For this reason the Professor is intent on eliminating the dangerous consequences that fossil combustion brings with it. The learned professor indicates that for 40 years we have known that the situation is not good. Forty years ago we had no solution, but we do today. Today we know that we are on the wrong path, but we continue to persist says

For Ockels, sustainability goes beyond just energy. He believes it also has to do with a transparent government, culture and a just dissemination of prosperity. After Ockels' meeting with the Prime Minister of Aruba in 2010, he felt that Aruba was headed in the right direction. He observed that the circumstances to make Aruba the greenest place on earth are ideal. Ockels also wrote an article entitled "Aruba Happy Energy," which is a plan of action. He suggests Aruba start at the location where there is less in-

Ockels can be compared to a missionary trying to convince the world that we must behave much more economically with planet earth. His presentation at this year's Green Conference will be a definite highlight no one will want to miss.



Fundacion Alzheimer Aruba representatives hand over UNICEF report to Prime Minister Eman



Wednesday, September 21 wasInternational Alzheimer's Awareness Day. Here on Aruba, the Aruba Alzheimer Foundation (FAA) dedicates an entire week to bringing attention to this disease by giving lectures and teaching the community how to recognize the symptoms from an early stage.

There is no known cure for dementia, but there are

ways to arrest or slow this disease. Neuropsychologist drs. Melva Croes-Yanes, together with Robby Croes and Ronny Croes of the FAA paid a courtesy visit to Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman to deliver the latest annual UNICEF report on the current developments and statistics regarding Alzheimer's Disease.

Mrs. Croes commented to Minister Eman how proud they are of the recent UNICEF declaration, specifically recognizing neurological diseases, including Alzheimer's and other dementias, as an important cause of morbidity that contributes to the global Non Commuicable Diseases (NCD) burden. NCD prevention programs and health care interventions will provide equitable access to effective programs for these illnesses.

This week on Aruba is annual "Teal Ribbon Week" and for seven days Aruba Alzheimer Foundation has been active in bringing forward practical information on the status of the situation, globally and locally, in a variety of events to appeal to islanders while enlightening and educating.



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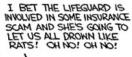






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Finance

Recession panic grips global markets

NEW YORK (AFP) - World markets suffered a frenzied sell-off Thursday as investors panicked the global economy was headed for another slump, one which policymakers are ill-equipped to prevent.

From New York to Moscow it was a brutal day for investors as countless billions of dollars were wiped off the value of companies globally.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average had lost close to four percent of its value shortly before the close of trade in New York, down 388 points at 10,736.

In Europe, Asia and Latin America dealers' screens were also awash with red.

London's FTSE-100 index closed down 4.7 percent, the CAC-40 sank 5.3 percent and in Frankfurt the DAX fell nearly 5.0 percent.

The euro fell to its lowest level since January against the dollar, at 1.3466 dollars at 1800 GMT as investors sought haven in the greenback.

The catalyst appeared to be Wednesday's warning from the Federal Reserve that the already tepid US recovery faces serious risks, even as the bank appears to be running low on policy remedies.

The Fed announced overnight that it would shift \$400 billion in its shorter-term debt portfolio holdings to longer-term bonds, a move it said would lower rates for mortgage holders and businesses.

But the widely expected plan -- nicknamed 'Operation Twist' -- was overshadowed after the Fed warned of "significant downside risks to the economic outlook" amid high unemployment, slow growth and a depressed housing market.

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The heads of the World Bank and IMF warned that Europe and the US risked "suffocating" the global economy if they didn't get control of their economies.

In Hong Kong stocks fell 4.9 percent to its lowest finish since July 2009.

Tokyo shed 2.1 percent and Shanghai lost 2.8 percent.

Crude oil prices fell more than six percent in New York, or \$5.4 a barrel to 80.51 percent.

French banks were again hit hard with shares in Societe Generale and Credit Agricole down more than nine percent and Franco-Belgian bank Dexia down more than 11 percent on Thursday.

Bank of America fell 5.4 percent while Citigroup was down nearly seven percent.



US lawmakers target China with currency bill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Angry US senators unveiled legislation Thursday to punish China over its alleged currency manipulation, vowing to put an end to Beijing's "economic murder" of US jobs.

The measure aims to make it harder for the US Treasury Department to avoid labeling Beijing a currency cheat, triggering various sanctions, while making it easier for US companies to seek retaliatory tariffs on Chinese goods.

China's leaders "get away with economic murder" by keeping the yuan, and thereby the country's exports, artificially cheap, charged Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer, a key backer of the bill.

Democratic Senator Sher-

rod Brown, who led the effort, said currency manipulation "is not competing, it's cheating" and promised the bill would mean "no more foot-dragging by our government" on confronting China.

The bill, which had support from several Republicans, would empower US businesses and, in some cases, labor unions to trigger a US Commerce Department investigation into alleged currency manipulation.

And it rewrites the law to make it harder for the US Treasury Department to stop short of declaring China a currency manipulator and makes manipulation punishable with countervailing duties on the offending country's goods.

Nigeria gives oil rebels chance to seek amnesty

ABUJA, (AFP) - Nigeria's security forces on Thursday gave rebels in the oil-rich Niger Delta region one week to take seek amnesty, an offer that has previously curbed violence in the turbulent region.

Nigeria, which vies as Angola as Africa's largest oil producer, extended a two-month amnesty offer from August to October of 2009, when more than 20,000 rebels turned in their weapons.

Rebel-fuelled unrest from 2006 to 2009, which included kidnappings and attacks on oil installations, curbed oil production, from 2.6 million barrels per day to a low of about about one million.

The amnesty deal has led to a sharp decline in attacks.

Last month, Nigeria produced 2.32 million barrels daily, its highest level in five years, according to the International Energy Agency figures.

Obama calls for 'forceful, decisive' action from Europe

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama used conversations with European leaders in recent days to push for "forceful and decisive" action on tackling the eurozone crisis, his spokesman said Thursday.

Obama met French President Nicolas Sarkozy and British Prime Minister David Cameron on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York and spoke to German Chancellor Angela Merkel by telephone on Monday.

There is increasing concern in the United States that Europe's debt woes could spark a wider economic crisis that could reach US shores, infect the global financial system and tip the American economy back into recession.

Carney's descriptions of Obama's stance appeared to hint at a slightly more robust US line on the crisis, following repeated calls from the administration for "concerted" action to take care of the debt

crisis in Europe.
On Wednesday, a US official speaking on condition of anonymity, said European financial officials needed to work more closely together.

The official said the United States believes Europe has the resources it needs to deal with the snowballing crisis that is spilling over from Greece, Ireland, and Portugal.

But, the official said, "the challenge they have before them is pretty clear: it's to be able to unequivocally ensure that sovereigns with sound fiscal plans have access to affordable financing."

"It is to unequivocally assure that European banks have the requisite liquidity and are sufficiently capitalized."



Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and fami- lies, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,



rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

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Le Petit Café is particu-larly well known for its Beach offers charming sur-roundings reminiscent of a "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; European outdoor café. Sur-rounded by Old World in their signature fashion. gaslights and an abundance The restaurant also offers a of flora, it provides a delight- diverse menu of pastas and ful and romantic setting. In tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun For family members in the dips over the horizon and the mood for something different lights of town set the waters there are several dishes to aglow. Taking advantage of choose from, such as chicken their Early Bird Special not parmesan, so a large family choose from, such as chicken with different ideas of what they want for dinner can eas-

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has The Early Bird special of- also long been famous for the fers a choice of a full sized best value for breakfast on chicken breast, a hefty portion Aruba. They still offer an of filet mignon or fresh American breakfast for \$6.95 grouper fillet accompanied by and a full breakfast buffet for ă well-stuffed baked potato, \$10.95, another unbeatable

Le Petit Café is also lostarter, and ice cream for cated in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are \$21.50; an unbeatable price staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Cooking your main course Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away healthy method of prepara- from you resort, a perfect way

Tutu declares 'love' for Suu Kyi



Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks during a telecast with Aung San Suu Kyi, via satellite

NEW YORK (AFP) - Talk about practicing what you preach: a smitten Archbishop Desmond Tutu declared "love" this week for Burmese democracy hero Aung San Suu Kyi.

Giggling with excitement, the South African antiapartheid campaigner and man of peace could hardly contain himself while speaking via videolink from a New York conference to Suu Kyi in Myanmar.

"I love you," Tutu told Suu Kyi, a fellow Nobel Peace

music fest

Prize laureate who was released from years of house arrest last November but still rarely appears in public.

"I must return the compliment and say: 'I love you,'" she replied from the slightly fuzzy satellite TV picture.

The impromptu exchange sent Tutu and the watching conference room of political and business leaders into fits of laughter. And Tutu was only just getting warmed up.

Praising Suu Kyi for her peaceful resistance to the

Rio to kick off world's biggest

Burmese military regime and resilience during years of house arrest, Tutu spoke at length about her moral qualities, "the things that you have suffered, your compassion." Then he threw in: and "your beauty," before immediately erupting in hooting, highpitched laughter.

"I'm dazed," he admitted. "One would have expected that you would have been hard. You are so petite, demure," he said, cracking up again.

Smiling warmly, but considerably calmer, Suu Kyi responded: "This is going to turn out to be a mutual admiration society.'

Tutu later encouraged Suu Kyi in her struggle to bring democracy to Myanmar and said he was "looking forward to coming to Burma when you are inaugurated as the head of government there."

Giving the lovestruck human rights campaigner a glimmer of romantic hope, Suu Kyi answered: "I'll have to be very, very ambitious because I do want (Tutu) to

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After 31 years, alt-rock pioneers R.E.M. 'calls it a day'



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -Rock in Rio, the world's biggest music festival, is to kick off today in the city of its birth, with Rihanna, Shakira, Coldplay and Lenny Kravitz sharing the billing.

Tickets to the week-long event have been snapped up by 700,000 people who will crowd into a specially built "City of Rock" that is to be the site of the future Olympic Village when Rio hosts the 2016 Olympic Games.

"Rock in Rio is to Brazil what Woodstock was to the world," one of the organizers, WASHINGTON (AFP) - After Roberta Medina, said.

Other artists to belt out tunes at the festival include Elton John, Stevie Wonder, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jamiroquai, Metallica, Maroon 5, Guns N' Roses, and Brazil's top singers such as Ivete Sangalo.

While still the biggest

event of its kind on the planet, the size of this year's Rock in Rio is half that of its first edition in 1985, when a staggering 1.4 million people attended to see AC/DC, Iron Maiden, Rod Stewart and

-- to great enthusiasm --

The second festival, in vals for 2013 and 2015.

1991, filled Rio's famed Maracana football stadium with a total audience of 700,000 people and 44 bands. The last one held in Rio, in 2001, attracted 1.2 million people.

Following the huge initial success. Portugal and Spain have also held festivals called Rock in Rio since 2004.

Rio's organizers plan to hold more editions closer together in the future, already confirming Rock in Rio festi-

31 years and 15 albums, the pioneering American alternative rock group R.E.M. announced that it will be no more.

The group, whose hits included "Shiny Happy People" and "Everybody Hurts," were a cult band on the US college rock circuit before hitting the mainstream in the early 1990s.

"To our Fans and Friends:

As R.E.M., and as lifelong friends and co-conspirators, we have decided to call it a day as a band," the Athens, Georgia-based quartet said on its website (www.remhq.com).

"We walk away with a great sense of gratitude, of finality, and of astonishment at all we have accomplished. To anyone who ever felt touched by our music, our deepest thanks for leave," Stipe said. "We built reason for the break-up.

listening."

Led by Michael Stipe on vocals and Peter Buck on guitar, R.E.M. took alt-rock to the masses with a string of hits also including "Radio Free Europe" and "The End of the World As We Know It."

"A wise man once said: 'the skill in attending a party is knowing when it's time to something extraordinary together... but all things must end, and we wanted to do it right, to do it our way."

Ethan Kaplan, who runs a R.E.M. fan website, told Rolling Stone that pressure from Warner Brothers records on the fiercely independent band to come out with new material might have been a



Ronaldinho, Neymar handed triple Brazil chance





RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -Brazil coach Mano Menezes has handed Ronaldinho and highly-rated Neymar a triple chance to stamp their claims as the 2014 World Cup hosts prepare to face bitter rivals Argentina as well as Mexico and Costa Rica.

Brazil will tackle Argentina in Belem on September 28 after their first meeting in the continent's Superclasico ended 0-0 last week.

Menezes has called-up players who ply their trade in South America for that game while for the friendlies with Costa Rica, on October 7, and Mexico, four days later, he was able to summon the cream of his European-based talent.

For the clash with Argentina, Porto Algre's Leandro Damiao has been forced to pull out through a thigh in-

Menezes will be without Robinho, Pato and Paulo Henrique Ganso for the matches with Costa Rica and Mexico while Porto striker Kleber gets a first-time call-

Neymar of Santos and Ronaldinho, now playing at Flamengo, have been selected for all three meetings.

Brazil squads for three friendly internationals -against Argentina (Sept 28), Costa Rica (Oct 7) and Mexico (Oct 11):

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Attackers: Ronaldinho (Flamengo), Neymar (Santos), Fred (Fluminense), Borges (Santos).

V COSTA RICA AND **MEXICO:**

Goalkeepers: Julio Cesar (Inter Milan/ITA), Jefferson (Botafogo), (Fiorentina/ITA).

Defenders: Daniel Alves (Barcelona/ESP),

(Manchester United/ENG), Marcelo (Real Madrid/ESP), Adriano (Barcelona/ESP), Rever (Atlético-MG), Thiago Silva (AC Milan/ITA), David Luiz (Chelsea/ENG), Dede (Vasco).

Midfielder: Lucas Leiva (Liverpool/ENG), Fernand-(Shakhtar inho netsk/UKR), Sandro (Tottenham/ENG), Luiz Gustavo (Bayern Munich/GER), Lucas (Sao Paulo), Elias (Sporting Lisbon/POR), Oscar (Internacional), Hernanes (Lazio/ITA).

Attackers: Ronaldinho (Flamengo), Hulk (Porto/POR), Jonas (Valencia/ESP), Neymar (Santos), Kleber (Porto), Fred (Fluminense).

'Comedy' king Maradona enjoys first Al Wasl win

DUBAI (AFP) - Diego Maradona enjoyed his first victory as coach of UAE side Al Wasl on Thursday, a day after telling fans to stay at home and watch a DVD if they found it too stressful to follow his team.

Al Wasl's goals against promoted Emirates in the second round of matches in the Etisalat Cup came from Argentina's Mariano Donda with captain Essa Ali scoring twice in the last five minutes.

In previous matches under Maradona's control, Al Wasl

had lost two friendlies as well as the cup opener 4-3 to Al Jazira.

When asked on the eve of the game to reassure fans about his side's poor start, Maradona told the Gulf News: "If you're scared don't come to the matches. Stay at home and watch a DVD or a comedy series.

"There is nothing to be scared about in football, it is about passion and entertainment. If you like to be entertained watch it, but if you dont then stay away."

"I like to win and I'm here to win and achieve great results with Al Wasl. Al Wasl fans shouldn't feel worried, we'll be able to get great results -- we have a great squad with good skills and great ambition and work ethic.

They are all very good men who want to achieve something in this sport."



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India great 'Tiger' Pataudi dies, aged 70



DELHI (AFP) Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, one of India's most charismatic cricketers and a prolific batsman despite losing an eye, died on Thursday aged 70 following lung disease, his doctors said.

The former national captain, is better known as the Nawab of Pataudi or 'Tiger'.

Pataudi is survived by his actress wife Sharmila Tagore, two daughters and a son, Saif Ali Khan, who is a popular Bollywood actor.

Pataudi played 46 Tests between 1961 and 1975, scoring 2,793 runs at an average of 34.91 with six centuries, including an unbeaten 203 against England in New Delhi in 1964.

Nicknamed 'Tiger' because of his excellent catching and throwing in the outfield, he was regarded as one of India's finest fielders.

An adventurous batsman

who was not afraid to loft the ball over the infield, Pataudi played most of his career without his right eye, which he lost in a car accident in England.

Pataudi became India's captain at the age of 21 during a tour of the West Indies in 1962 when the then skipper Nari Contractor was injured after being hit on the head by a bouncer from Charlie Griffith.

He led India in 40 of his 46 Tests, winning nine and securing the country's first series win abroad on the 1967/68 tour of New Zealand.

Indian cricket chief Narayanaswami Srinivasan led rich tributes to the legendary sportsman.

"He was an exemplary individual, who guided Indian cricket to unprecedented heights, as batsman, fielder and captain," Srinivasan said in a statement.

"He revolutionised fielding standards in the Indian team and across the country. In an age wherein a draw was considered as good as a win, Tiger Pataudi encouraged his players to go flat out for victory.'

Current superstar Sachin Tendulkar said Pataudi's death was a "terrible loss to world cricket."

Former India captain and spin great Bishan Bedi, who began his career under Pataudi, said there will "never be another cricketer like him.'









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Camby arrested for pot in "drug-free zone"

HOUSTON (AFP) - National Basketball Association star Marcus Camby has been arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after

MLB Standings

American	Le	ag	ue	
East	W	L	Pct	: GB
X- YANKEES (2)	94	60	.610	
BOSTON	88	67	.568	6.0
TAMPA	85	69	.552	9.0
TORONTO	78	76	.506	15.5
BALTIMORE	64	90	.416	29.5
Central				
Y - DETROIT	89	65	.578	
CLEVELAND	76	77	.497	12.5
CHICAGO	75	79	.487	14.0
KANSAS	68	87	.439	21.5
MINNESOTA	59	94	.386	29.5
West				
TEXAS (4)	89	65	.578	
LA ANGELES	84	70	.545	5.0
OAKLAND	69	85	.448	20.0
SEATTLE	65	89	.422	24.0

National League

East			
Y-PHILADELPHIA	98	56 .636	
ATLANTA	88	67 .568	10.5
WASHINGTON	74	79 .484	23.5
NY METS	73	81 .474	25.0
FLORIDA	70	85 .452	28.5
Central			
MILWAUKEE (3)	91	65 .583	
ST. LOUIS	85	69 .552	5.5
CINCINNATI	76	80 .487	15.5
PITTSBURG		86 .445	22.0
CHICAGO	69	87 .442	22.0
HOUSTON	53	102 .342	38.0
West			
ARIZONA(3)	89	66 .574	
SAN FRANCISCO	83	71 .539	5.5
LA DODGERS	77	76 .503	11.0
COLORADO	70		
SAN DIEGO	67	88 .432	22.0
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x-Clinched Playoff Spot; **y**-Division Champ; () Magic Number for Division Championship

Magic Number: The magic number represents the combination of wins by the leading team and losses by the second-place (or tied) team that would clinch the division title.

being stopped by Texas police in a "drug-free zone" on Monday.

Police charged Camby with "possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone" after he was pulled over while driving his Porsche sports car, said police spokesman Onesimo Lopez. He was released on \$2,000 bail.

Lopez said the odd wording associated with the possession charge is because the 37-year-old Camby was pulled over near a children's school.

Lopez said the officer who stopped Camby smelled marijuana in the vehicle. Police then searched the Porsche and found the marijuana.

Camby played last season for the Portland Trail Blazers. He has played 15 seasons in the NBA and has one prior arrest for marijuana.

Milan probes Pato fitness problems

ROME (AFP) - AC Milan chief executive Adriano Galliani has held a meeting to try to discover why Brazilian forward Pato is suffering so many muscular injuries.

Pato limped off during Wednesday night's 1-1 draw with Udinese at the San Siro, continuing a run of injuries that blighted his campaign last season.

He will now miss four weeks with a pulled hamstring and Galliani wants to find out why this keeps happening.

Milan already had injury problems in attack with Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Robinho and Kevin-Prince Boateng all missing the game.

The club have had a poor start to the league season, picking up just two points from their first three games.

US swimmer Diana Nyad on third Cuba-Florida try



HAVANA (AFP) - Senior US distance swimmer Diana Nyad will plunge into the ocean today for a third attempt to swim from Cuba to Florida, Cuban authorities said.

Shoulder pain, asthma and ocean swells prevented Nyad, 62, in August to fulfill her quest to swim the 100 miles

Platini repeats Qatar winter World Cup demand

PARIS (AFP) - UEFA president Michel Platini repeated his demand on Thursday that the 2022 World Cup in Qatar should be switched to the winter to avoid the crushing heat and humidity of a Gulf summer.

"I don't change my ideas like I change my shirts, even if it's hot and I am sweating," said Platini at UEFA's executive committee meeting in Cyprus.

"If you are going to go to Qatar in June-July, there's a good chance it'll be 55 degrees (Celsius).

"It's great that the grounds will be air-conditioned but I think that this sporting occasion is the most important in the world.

"The best period is to play in the winter and in November-December 2022, because in January 2022 there will be the Winter Olympics." (161 kilometers) across the treacherous Florida Straits from Havana from Key West, Florida.

Nyad will take off from the Ernest Hemmingway International Nautical Club, just west of Havana, the Cuban foreign ministry said Thursday.

Australian swimmer Susie Maroney, at 22, became the first person to swim from Cuba to the United States in 1997, though she used a shark cage.

If Nyad succeeds, she will be the first person to swim the stretch of ocean without shark protection.

Nyad tried to swim across the shark-infested straights in 1978, but gave up after 42 hours in the water due to bad weather.

Nyad set an open sea record by swimming from the Bahamas to the Florida Keys -- a journey that is the same distance as the Cuba-Florida swim, but a feat she described as much less dangerous.

Five yachts and four kayaks accompanied her on her latest journey, along with a 45-person support team, including trained shark divers and electronic devices designed to repel the predators.

Nyad set a record for circling the island of Manhattan at the age of 50, clocking in at seven hours and 57 minutes.

The United States has not had diplomatic relations with Cuba since 1961 when it slapped a trade embargo on the communist-ruled island.





Open Team Selection performs, the public is invited



Oranjestad -- On Saturday September 24 at 10.30 am The Barracudas Synchro Club will feature its own Open Team Selection, showing off their amazing synchronized swimming routine at the Olympic Pool in Savaneta.

Bryant to discuss Bologna move



ROME (AFP) - Kobe Bryant's agent is to discuss a temporary move to Bologna with the club's management, a statement from the Italian team said on Thursday.

On Tuesday Bologna made a three-game \$800,000 offer to Bryant to represent the team.

Bologna said the NBA star's agent Rob Pelinka had replied to the offer and the two sides will sit down over a conference call on Thursday evening.

The Italian Lega A side have called on fans to help

encourage Bryant to sign on by creating a special email account to which they can send messages to show the 33-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star how much he is wanted.

The offer made to Bryant is worth \$800,000-net, which works out at about \$550,000-600,000 per game pre-tax.

Bologna want the shooting guard to play in their first three matches of the season against Roma on October 9, Milan on October 30 and Cremona on November 13.

Bryant is a five-time NBA champion with the Lakers and was named MVP in 2008.

He has made the All-Star team 13 times, missing out only once since 1998.

The Open Team Selection is made up of athletes who live in Aruba and love Aruba and will proudly represent the island during the Pan American Games in Guadalajara Mexico. You may obtain additional information about the games at: www.guadalajara2011.org.mx

The Pan American Games welcome athletes from all over the American continent to participate in an international celebration of friendship and sports. The Pan American Games are held every four years, in the year just prior to the Olympic Games.

As part of this winning team and as the cheerleaders of the Open Team athletes, the general public is most welcome to experience this amazing show and by doing so wish the island's athletes good luck at the Pan American Games.

